THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Development of tourist infrastructural facilities is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central financial assistance for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with State Govts, concerned every year. No proposal for development of Simhachalam Hills was prioritised during 1999-2000.

Development of historical places in Bihar

†3355. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that so many historical places in Bihar are quite important from the tourism point of view;

(b) if so, whether Government have formulated any specific plan for the development of such places of Bihar from the tourism point of view;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Development of tourist places is primarily undertaken by State Governments/U.T. Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance for tourism projects/ schemes prioritised in consultation with State Governments every year. Financial assistance of Rs. 79.91 lakhs was sanctioned for four tourism projects in Bihar during 1999-2000.

Disputes over construction of Hydro projects

†3356. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
DR. D.MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction work of various hydro projects in country is hanging in balance due to the mutual disputes among various States;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the names of these projects and the names of the States which are involved in disputes over these projects and since when these projects are under disputes;

(c) whether Government have made any efforts to resolve the disputes among these States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (d) Construction of Satluj-Yamuna Link Canal to bring Ravi-Beas waters to Haryana, construction of Upper Krishna Project Stage II on river Krishna between Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka in the State of Karnataka and construction of Sardar Sarovar Project on Inter-State river Narmada between the States of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan in the State of Gujarat has not progressed as per the construction plan. The matter of construction of these projects and other related issues is before the Supreme Court of India through the writ petitions filed either by the party States or by the voluntary organizations.

Flood control schemes of Manipur

3357. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the cost of each nine flood control schemes of Manipur during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the PM's flood package programme of North-East include the Barak diversion to the Manipur valley; and

(c) if not, what measures are being proposed to meet the need of water in Manipur during the lean season?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The cost of nine flood control schemes of Manipur during the IX Five Year Plan are as under:

(1) Morakhong Flood Control Project	—	Rs. 486.00 lakh
(2) Nambul Project Phase-I	—	Rs. 2254.00 lakh
(3) Nambul Project Phase-II	—	Rs. 120.00 lakh
(4) Wangjing Project	—	Rs. 450.00 lakh